THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, 16th December 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" May I request the Hon. Leader of the House through you, Sir, to let us know how long this sitting will continue? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" What has the Hon. Leader of the House to say? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am afraid we will have to meet on Monday also and I am hoping it will be possible to finish our business on Monday."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Shall we have a sitting on Saturday? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I think it will not be necessary. We shall sit only on Monday."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" It was originally announced that the Assembly will conclude its sitting on the 17th instant. On the basis of that we have fixed a lot of engagements. I would like that no procrastination is made now. It is very difficult at this point to cancel our engagements and sit on Monday also. Let us adjourn on the 17th or 18th."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It will be difficult to follow what the Leader of the Opposition has said. We would be submitting the report on the Dramatic Performances Bill tomorrow. If hon. Members are prepared to have it on the 18th itself, we will sit through and finish our business on the 18th itself. Then we may not sit on the 20th."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" We cannot rush through like this, a Bill which is important. Let us have a special session sometime afterwards to consider that Bill calmly and in all its entirety. Let us now adjourn on the 17th or 18th as already announced. Let us have a special session afterwards to consider the Dramatic Performances Bill. Why should we hustle through like this and finish the Bill on the 20th itself when after all the Bill is a very important Bill."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" 20th will be a special session, Sir." (Laughter.)

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MR. SPEAKER :—" I think the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the House may come to an agreement and then inform me."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition may come to an agreement. But in all matters the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the House cannot mortgage the rights of all other Members of the Assembly." (Cheers.)

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I agree, Sir."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" It was previously announced that the Assembly will conclude its sitting on the 17th instant. On the basis of that we have fixed a number of important engagements. I do not think at this stage we could cancel those engagements."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I did not make any definite commitment. I said I hoped that the Assembly would finish its business on the 17th. After all, I may tell the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, that Assembly business is more important than any other business. First priority should be given to the work of the Assembly." (Cheers.)

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Action against the Police for certain irregularities.

* 366 *Q*.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have taken any steps to enquire into the irregularities of the Police referred to in the judgment of the Assistant Sessions Judge, Tanjore, dated 15th October 1954, acquitting in a case before him the accused Sundaresa Tevar and others; and

(*b*) if so, whether any departmental action has been taken against the Police officials concerned and if so, with what results?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Departmental action is being taken against the Police official concerned."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Is it not a fact that one Rautha Thevar, an accused, was impersonated during the sessions trial by his father in the dock? If so, may I know how it happened, when it was detected and by whom it was detected? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That seems to be an interesting information given to me by the hon. Member. I shall certainly look into the matter."